



Donations of any long-life products are always very welcome and can be left in the church porch. At the moment, the following items are especially needed:

Tins, bottles or jars of: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, custard, jam, honey, marmalade, cooking oil, long-life milk and fruit juice (including low sugar).

Bags or boxes of: flour, sugar, cereal, biscuits, tea bags.

Items for personal hygiene & cleaning products:

deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big).

Donations of **children's toys and clean clothing** (adults and children) are also required – these would need to be taken in person to the Foodbank at The Ascension Church Hall, Collier Row Road on Friday lunchtimes: 12 to 2 pm. Please do not leave them in our church porch.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is in memory of Kay Cole.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of Dominic Kelly.

Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Isabella Ayres, Francesco Bianco, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston and Yvonne Wilson.

Those who have died recently . . .

Alice Ragan died on Thursday 31 August; her body will be brought to the church on Thursday 14 September at 5 pm and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday at 9.15 am followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

9-15 Sept: Catherine Wheelhouse, Kay Cole, Joan England, Elizabeth Morrissey, Michael Heneghan, Kathleen Collis, Betty Pacitto, Bert Smith, Jim Palmer, Ron Fearn, Lucy Jones, Anthony Saliba, Doreen Sheppard, Tony Carr, Lorraine Shoetan and Kath Bishop.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 Sept : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 10 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Maureen Kivineen RIP & Eileen Clancy RIP (Hughes)

Monday 11 Sept : 9.15 am Alice Ragan RIP (McGoay)

Tuesday 12 Sept : 9.15 am Patrick Morrissey RIP (O'Driscoll)

Wednesday 13 Sept : 9.15 am Mary McDevitt RIP (Bartlett)

Thursday 14 Sept : 9.15 am Alice Ragan RIP (Dolby)

Friday 15 Sept : 9.15 am Requiem Mass for Alice Ragan

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 Sept : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 17 Sept : 9.00 am Thanksgiving for Our Community (Pye)

11.30 am Vincent Harrison RIP (Harrison/Doherty)

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9-10 September 2023



THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.15 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday : 5.30 – 6.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 6.00-6.30 pm or any other time on request

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 9.45 am

STREAMING

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the parish website

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS ~ FINAL CALL

If you have already given your name to Father Philip – there is an envelope for you to collect with an application form and the preparation programme details. See Father Philip or John after Mass.

If you are about to go into Year 12 or a college and would like to be Confirmed please speak with Father Philip urgently, if you haven't already done so, to register your interest. The final date to do this is this weekend: Sunday 10 September (the Confirmation has been advertised since April for a total of 16 weeks). The preparation programme will begin in the middle of September, with the Confirmation Mass taking place on the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 26 November).

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £933.53 (£471.60 of this was gift aided). Standing Orders in the past month came to £3,171.50. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Education Service which works on behalf of the bishops to support Catholic education, representing our interests in negotiations and discussions with the government.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda can be left in the church porch on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

GIDEA PARK FAITH TALK ~ THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20 September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be

available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed on-line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St John Chrysostom** – his ‘surname’ was more of a nickname – meaning ‘golden mouth’ – a tribute to the constant high quality of his homilies. Although he was Archbishop of Constantinople, he died in exile in 407.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – this ancient feast has been celebrated in the East since the fourth century and was adopted in the West three centuries later. It commemorates the recovery, by the Empress Helena (mother of Constantine), of the precious relic of the cross on which Jesus died. From the instrument used in that most infamous death, the cross has been transformed into the symbol of Christ’s glorification – God ‘loved the world so much’.

Friday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows** – traditionally seven in number, the sorrows begin with Simeon’s words to Our Lady in the Temple: ‘A sword will pierce your own soul’ (Luke 2:35).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ~ SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

Outside the church from 10 am to 1 pm – stay for coffee and cake and help support this worthy cause, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

LOVE THE STRANGER ~ STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK ON 7 OCTOBER

Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled ‘Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees’. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops’ Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7 October from 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes’ walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

extracts from **Pope Francis**, *Angelus Address*, St Peter’s Square, 6 September 2020

This Sunday’s Gospel passage (cf. Mt 18:15-20) is taken from Jesus’ fourth discourse in Matthew’s account, known as the discourse on the ‘community’ or the ‘ecclesial’ discourse. Today’s passage speaks about fraternal correction, and invites us to reflect on the twofold dimension of Christian existence: community, which demands safeguarding communion — that is, the unity of the Church — and personal, which obliges attention and respect for every individual conscience ...

This teaching of Jesus helps us a great deal, because — let us consider an example — when we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in that brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip. It is the love of Jesus, who had embraced the tax collectors and Gentiles, scandalising the conformists of the time. However, it is not a sentence without an appeal, but a recognition that at times our human attempts may fail, and that only being before God can bring the brother to face his own conscience and responsibility for his actions. If this matter does not work, then silence and prayer for the brother or sister who has made a mistake, but never gossip.

May the Virgin Mary help us to make fraternal correction a healthy practice, so that in our communities ever new fraternal relationships, founded on mutual forgiveness and above all on the invincible power of God’s mercy, may be instilled.

MINISTRY ROTA

On the current rota, you will be in two groups, reading or ministering once every four weeks.

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the ‘Rotas’ section.

There are paper copies in the Sacristy.

As usual, Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.

READERS

1 = First Reading and Responsorial Psalm

2 = Second Reading and Gospel Acclamation (at 9.00 am the Acclamation is usually sung by the choir and people).

3 = Universal Prayer

9-10 September		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Catharine Welcome 3. Maria Green	Susana Gracia Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3. Onyema Agbebi	Adam Beddoe Remika Quintus
16-17 September		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 3. Mick Doolan	Jean Capps Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Alexandra Burt-Allen
23-24 September		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Ngozi Obiakonwu Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Shirley Hay 3. Arno Bastiampillai	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton
30 September-1 October		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Mary O’Driscoll 3. Shantay Charles	Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Wally Barnes Peter Hale Alex Hinton
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Michael Chadwick	Margaret Moffat Donna Hector Stephen Doherty



Please let Father Philip know if ...

- you are new to the parish,
- you are moving within the parish
- or you are leaving the parish.